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E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: MAQARIN DAM WORKING PAPER

REFS: (A) STATE 200965, (B) AMMAN 5009

1. ECON COUNSELOR DID EXPLAIN THAT THE WORKING PAPER INCORPORATED THE JORDANIAN RESPONSE TO THE LATEST ISRAELI POSITION. IN A FOLLOW-UP CONVERSATION ALON HAS CONFIRMED THAT HE UNDERSTANDS THIS.

2. THERE HAS BEEN NO OFFICIAL GOI RESPONSE TO THE WORKING PAPER YET BECAUSE SEVERAL MEMBERS OF THE ISRAELI WORKING GROUP HAVE BEEN ON LEAVE. ALON SAID ON AUGUST 25 THAT HE HOPED TO CONVENE THE GROUP EARLY IN THE WEEK OF AUGUST 29 AND TO BE ABLE TO GIVE US AN OFFICIAL RESPONSE A FEW DAYS LATER. HIS PERSONAL REACTION TO THE WORKING PAPER WAS FAVORABLE.

3. IT IS NO SURPRISE THAT THE GOI PREFERS TO MOVE TO DIRECT CONTACTS WITH JORDANIANS AT AN EARLY MOMENT. THIS HAS BEEN A CONSISTENT ISRAELI POLICY ON A NUMBER OF ISSUES. THEIR VIEW IS THAT THESE CONTACTS AT A TECHNICAL LEVEL ARE UNAVOIDABLE IF COOPERATION IS EVER
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TO MOVE BEYOND THE TALKING STAGE.

4. IT WAS NOT CLEAR TO US THAT ALON'S CALL FOR DIRECT CONTACT MEANT AN END TO U.S. GOOD OFFICES, NOR DID HE APPEAR TO BE "WINGING IT". OUR STRONG IMPRESSION WAS THAT HIS PRESENTATION, WHICH HE PARAPHRASED FROM A WRITTEN DOCUMENT, HAD APPROVAL FROM HIGHER AUTHORITY.

5. WE BELIEVE THE GOI WANTS THE MAQARIN PROJECT TO
MOVE AHEAD QUICKLY AND HAVE REASON TO DOUBT THAT THE
ISRAELIS WOULD PURPOSELY ENGAGE IN TACTICS WHICH
WOULD CAUSE THE JORDANIANS ACUTE PUBLIC EMBARRASSMENT
AND THEREBY WRECK THE BASIS FOR COOPERATION ON WHICH
THE PROJECT DEPENDS. WE WILL HAVE A BETTER FEEL FOR
THIS AFTER THE FOLLOW-UP DISCUSSIONS WITH ALON. AT
THAT TIME, WE WILL GIVE YOU OUR ASSESSMENT OF WHETHER
A DEMARCHE TO A HIGHER LEVEL IS NEEDED.
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